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Re: Lower Passaic River Study Area, 17-mile Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Schedule

Dear Dr. Law:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby requests an updated, complete schedule for the above-referenced project within two weeks of your receipt of this letter. While the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) has provided draft schedule updates on a periodic basis when requested by EPA, our records reflect that a complete schedule has not been submitted since, we believe, August 7, 2009, when the projected end date was June 28, 2013.

The last partial draft schedule update provided by the CPG, in May 2012, showed a projected end date of June 30, 2015. During our recent schedule discussion on November 12, 2013, in which you, Bill Potter, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and CDM Smith participated, we were told that the draft Remedial Investigation report will be submitted in November 2014. No deliverable dates were provided beyond this, nor was a projected end date provided. This is not an acceptable schedule update.

We would like to receive a complete schedule, including a Gantt chart showing planned and actual start and finish dates and percent completed for each task. Additionally, all schedule logic (predecessors and successors) should be shown. Draft and final versions, and review periods of documents should be included in the chart, and completed events should be included so we have a record of all that has been accomplished to date. Please submit the schedule electronically in Microsoft Project (2007 version) and provide a pdf copy as well.

This will enable us to more accurately plan for completion of the 17-mile RI/FS and help inform our upcoming discussions. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Vaughn", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Stephanie Vaughn, Project Manager  
LPRSA 17-mile RI/FS

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